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Van Buren Twp. again files suit against Visteon

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Since $639,157 had to be borrowed from Van Buren Township coffers to pay the shortfall on Visteon bonds in October, the township finally can claim damages and so on Monday it filed suit, again, against Visteon.

It finally is "ripe" for adjudication.

The township had filed suit in 2017, but both Wayne County Circuit Court and Appeals Court found in favor of Visteon and dismissed the case and in March, so did the Michigan Supreme Court.

Both the Circuit Court and Appeals Court agreed that VBT can refile the complaint when a shortfall actually occurs.

Members of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority noted at their Sept. 10 meeting that the shortfall in the money available to pay the Visteon bonds would occur in October.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said if Visteon has not made a payment to make up the estimated $639,157 bond shortfall, "We will send them a letter shortly after Oct. 1."

The full faith and credit of the township is behind the Visteon bonds and the LDFA will not have the funds to pay the bond payment in full. The township has agreed to cover the difference to make sure the payment is made on time and then the LDFA will pay the township back in the future, with interest.

The township had money set aside for this payment and a plan to reinstate the law suit against Visteon, once it can show the claims are "ripe" for adjudication.

In 2003, the township issued $28,199,656.35 in bonds to assist Visteon with infrastructure in the construction of Visteon Village. Final payment on the

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Photo courtesy of Walmart

Youngsters were nominated through the Van Buren Public Schools and then selected by Van Buren Township Police to Shop with a Hero at Walmart on Dec. 5. Helping the children select their presents were VBT Police, VBT Fire, VBT Dispatchers, and Michigan State Police. Walmart donated $2,000 to fund the event. This was the 12th year for Shop with a Hero at Walmart. Shop with a Hero at Meijer is set for 6:30 p.m., Dec. 17. Enough money has been gathered between Meijer and personal donations over the year to shop for 25 families.

School Board gives Kudlak 'Highly Effective' status, raise

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a closed-door session on Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education granted School Supt. Pete Kudlak the top rating of "Highly Effective" for his work during 2019, put another year on his contract, and gave him a raise to $154,000, beginning in July.

He received an "Effective" rating last year and a base salary of $142,000.

School board president Keith Johnston on Tuesday talked about what the board considered in closed session. He said that Supt. Kudlak's community relations were "off the charts" and that relations with the staff was better. He also was found to be very fiscally responsible and they are adding $800,000 to the fund balance this year.

President Johnston said Kudlak started pretty low as far as pay and he showed in the bottom half in a listing of tri-county superintendents in 2016 and in the middle in Wayne County and, "We don't want to lose him. He's done a great job."

"We're not giving him anything," Johnston said of his raise. "He's earned everything he's gotten."

Johnston said as far as law suits, "We haven't had any." He said the attorney fees are way down and the attorney told the board they don't have law suits because Kudlak doesn't get into trouble and heads off problems.

"He's making an effort" on scores and the district is making good growth, Johnston said.

In other business at the 35-minute regular meeting, the board:

• Set the board's organizational meeting for 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13, at the Belleville High School Commons;

• Approved second semester Schools of Choice designation with unlimited openings. Supt. Kudlak said there was total district enrollment of 4,779 and 519 are Schools of Choice students, making them 9.2% of the total;

• Heard trustee Amy Pierce read the notes given her by board vice president Susan Featheringill, who was absent from the meeting, concerning the first reading of a group of board policies. The second reading, and approval, will take place at an upcoming meeting. These policies include the board being able to make changes themselves in the policies, definition of "family member," emergency suspensions and expulsions, consulting with law enforcement before construction, and encouraging women and minority

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WinterFest Parade Winners

• Grand Marshal's Award: P&P Dance

• Judge's Award – Best Float: BYC

• All-A-Glow Award – Best Use of Lights: VBPS Transportation Bus

• Elfin Magic Award – Best Float with Children: P&P Dance

• Holiday Spirit Award – Most Enthusiastic Participants: Van Buren Soccer

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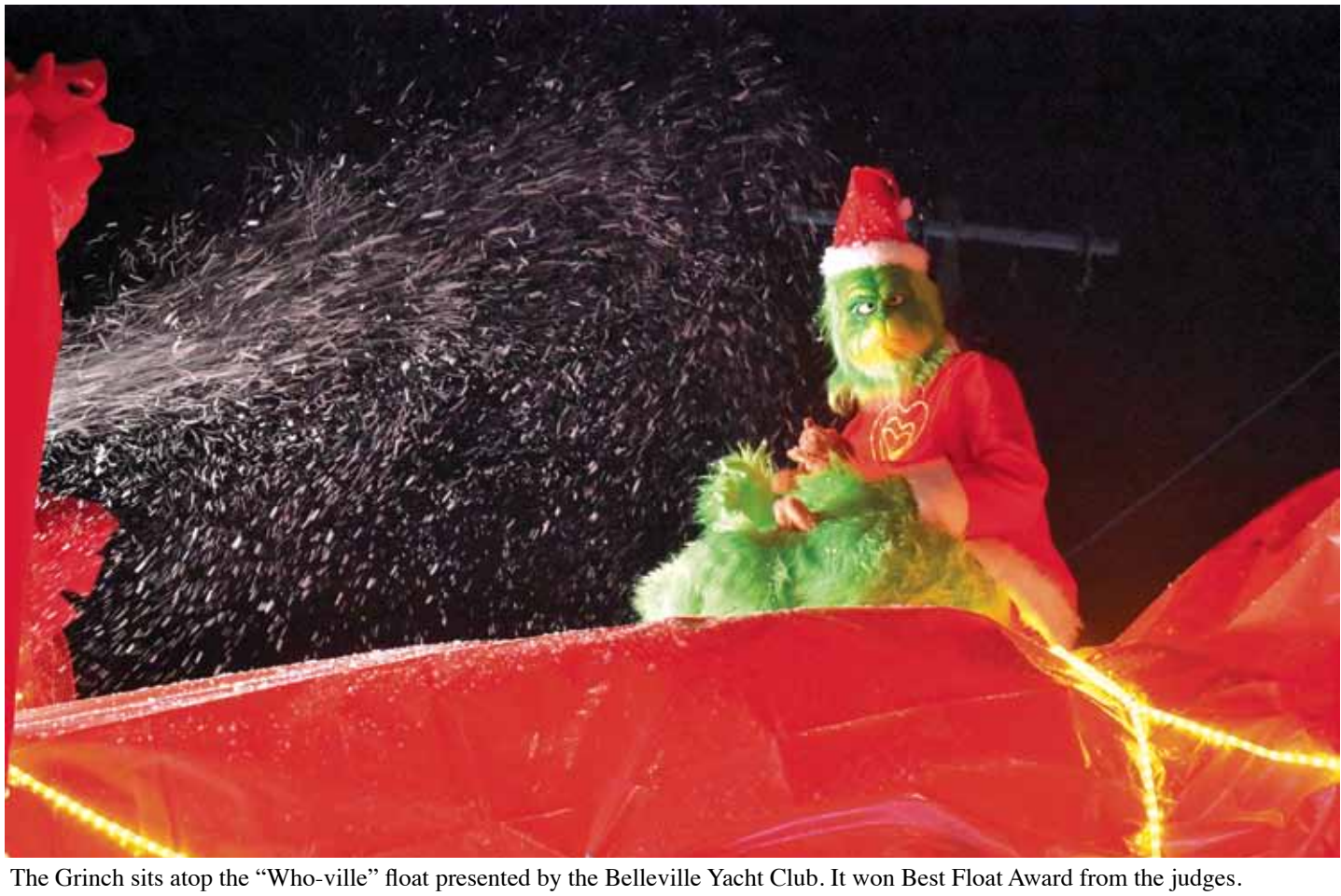
• Soup Crawl Winner: Applebee's French Onion Soup



The Grinch sits atop the "Who-ville" float presented by the Belleville Yacht Club. It won Best Float Award from the judges.

Independent photos by Bob Mytych

Joyce and Walt Rochowiak were honored as Grand Marshals of Saturday's WinterFest parade.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley presents the Key to the City to Santa, who arrived in Saturday's parade. WinterFest activities last weekend were presented by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and its sponsors.

Elizabeth Banks, transportation supervisor for the Van Buren Public Schools, accepts an award for the Best Use of Lights from Steve Jones, at left, for the decorations on the new school bus.

P&P Dance won two awards in Saturday's parade.

OPINIONS

Editorial

WinterFest brings people together

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Trustee Amy Pierce said the WinterFest parade on Saturday brought the community together. She was right.

Pierce and others on the school board referred to the high school band members wrapped in lights, the NJROTC members who marched and members of the football team and their cheerleaders who also marched, but were hard to see because they didn't have lights on. And, of course, board members were pleased that the decorated new school bus won a prize. Many children marched in the parade and danced for the judges, to the delight of the parents, grandparents, and everyone else.

The parade had 10% more units than usual and the fireworks afterwards over the lake by a local group were a hit. The Animal Magic show under the tent Saturday afternoon was standing room only. Reportedly more than 1,000 people participated in Ladies Night Out on Thursday for the pop-up shops.

And, the pancake breakfast on Saturday in the big tent to benefit CAF5 was a big success and reported more than 110 who came to eat and many more who just sent money to help. The group aids students in need in a wide area, but 90% of its money is used to help students in the Van Buren Public Schools.

Thanks to those in the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce for a job well done. WinterFest did bring the community together for a holiday celebration and crowds came out to enjoy their town.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW ...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Ruth Bleeker said she got a suspicious email notice from Chase Bank and so she called the bank to ask about it. She said she read it to them and was told it is a scam. The sender wanted Bleeker to send confidential information to them.

"Please make your readers aware," she wrote to the *Independent*, asking, "Why do we seniors have to put up with this crap?"

The scam "Alert" she got supposedly from Chase bank read: "*What is happening*. Account security is a top priority for Chase. As a safety measure, we have suspended your access to Chase *Online* because we detected a possible unauthorized attempt to sign on to your account. *What this means for you*. To regain access, you'll need to restore your details, if you haven't already done so. Click Here and Restore Account. Thank you. We appreciate your business. Chase Online Customer Service."

Repeat: This is a scam. Do not respond.

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If you want a treat, go over to Detlor Insurance on Fifth Street in the City of Belleville and get to know their Great Dane puppy Bonnie. She's still growing, but she is one big dog. She's usually there keeping watch over things and she's a wonderful dog.

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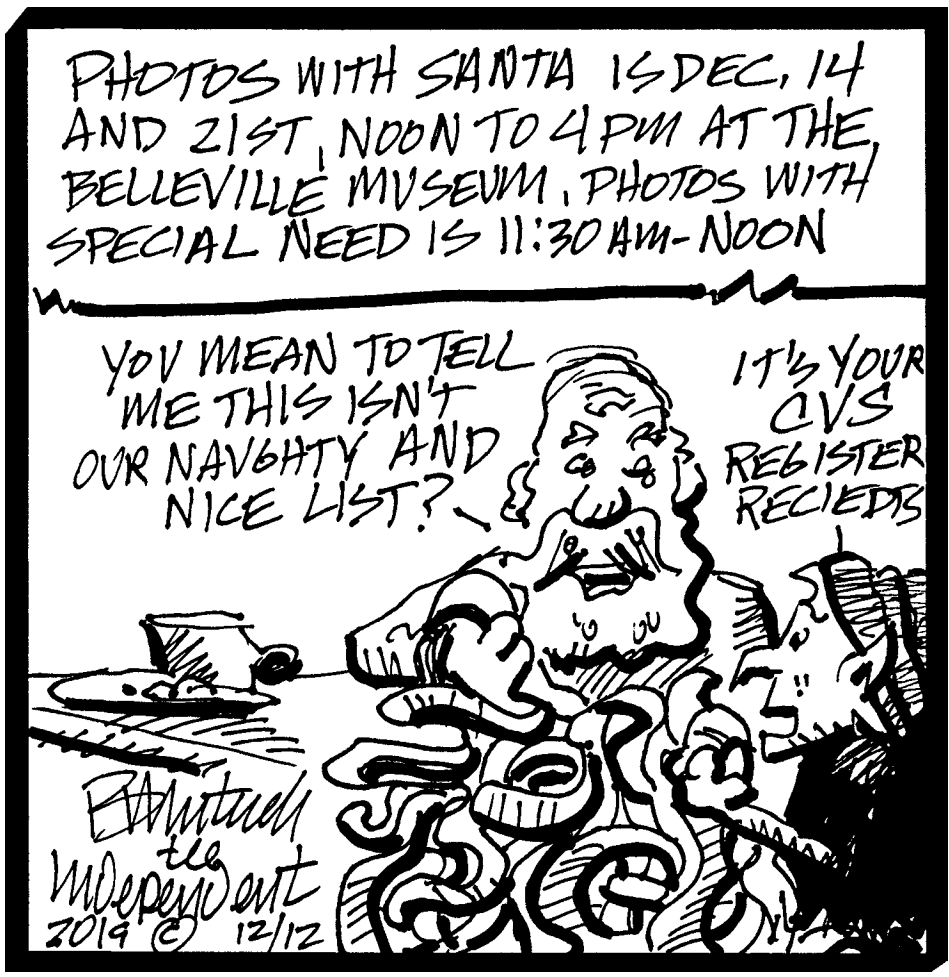
Jimmy Baleja, who used to volunteer his services to set up live music for seniors every Sunday at the Van Buren Township Senior Center, got into an accident on his motorcycle on Aug. 17 and can no longer do that project. He's been told that the free music series will be dropped after the first of the year.

Jimmy was driving northbound in the far right lane at Wayne and Van Born roads at the light in Romulus, when he said an 18-year-old girl, driving someone else's car, turned from the center lane into him, as she headed for the Sunoco gas station.



Jimmy's tibia was fractured, a tendon in his foot torn, and his shoulder torn. A veteran, Jimmy is going through therapy at the VA before surgery and he currently walks with the aid of a crutch. He was knocked cold in the accident and when he woke up in the hospital, he learned that the girl got a ticket for improper lane usage causing the accident, but wasn't cited for having no insurance and drove away when the investigation was done.

His insurance company told him about there being no insurance for that car. Jimmy said when he called Romulus Police he was told by one officer that, "Everybody drives without insurance." Jimmy's still scratching his head over that statement.

According to court records she paid $245 with her credit card for the ticket. Jimmy said it cost him $550 to get his damaged motorcycle out of where it had been towed, not to mention other costs.

Recently, I was in the 34th District Court and saw a young man get a hefty fine for driving without insurance.

Jimmy serves as a Sgt. E-5 in the State of Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force. He said this group takes over for the Michigan National Guard when the Guard is mobilized and has to leave the state.

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On Monday, at about 11:41 a.m., a dispatch call went out to the VBT Fire Department for a trash truck with a live power line on it in the area of Morton Taylor Road, north of Ecorse Road. It was across the road from the Jehovah Witness location. They didn't know if the driver was still in the truck. Apparently, all was well.

But, when I called the fire hall on Belleville Road just after that to ask about something else, I was told the lights at the fire hall just went out and they were operating on a generator. The two incidents were related.

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I talked to School Supt. Pete Kudlak before Monday's regular school board meeting about his costume on Saturday morning for the Jingle Bell Run. He said, yes, it was true. He was dressed as an elf. He looked great as an elf.

After the closed-door session, the school board gave him a top evaluation for the job he did this year, another year on his contract, and raised his pay. I'm surprised they didn't give him an award for his costume, as well.

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Letters

Ramblings here at Christmas time

To the editor:

Son-in-law picked me up about 4:30 p.m. in Judge and Susan Callahan's Mustang convertible. Thank you, Callahans. Drove over to the staging area for the parade.

Never thought much about all the work and pride that goes into this event. About 5:45 put the top down and Chandler Wilson (my grandson) and Audrianne Cunningham, Belleville High School King and Queen, took their places and we drove out of the high school.

Parade looks different from a car – people waving, children picking up candy – Joey Budd, the tuba player, lit up like a Christmas tree – people coming out of Photography by Shannon after enjoying hot chocolate and treats – wait, there's my granddaughter Kalee and great-granddaughter Morgan from Alabama -- back to the high school and a late supper. Really a nice evening here at Christmas time.

Thanks for listening.

Mickey Widener
Van Buren Township

Who let the dogs out on Belleville streets?

Dear residents of Belleville:

My wife and I have noticed an influx of dogs walking without leashes, in yards not hooked up, or just walking streets with no owners in sight. Our family (including dog) walks daily either downtown or around the Harbour Pointe sub and just feel like it isn't safe any more.

Dogs are great pets, but once off-leash they can be dangerous not only to other dogs and strangers, but to themselves. Seeing them dart out in the street, they could be hit by a car. Being a young family, we like to walk and like seeing other walkers, but lately we are nervous about going out because of dogs being out. Our dog gets nervous of other dogs, especially now that it gets dark earlier and can't see if a dog comes running up. Let's encourage each other to make sure our dogs are under control.

Belleville doesn't have an animal control department so it's up to us, the residents, to control our animals. All I'm asking from the residents of Belleville is to make our town safe for us and our dogs. Let's make sure they are on leashes, in fence, or secured in yard so we don't have to be constantly looking over our shoulders for loose dogs. That way we can enjoy our great community.

Nick Oswald
Belleville

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To the editor:

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In addition, we have been collecting board games through our Amazon Wish List to donate to Owen families as gifts for Christmas. To date, we have had over 150 brand new games donated by the community and beyond. It has been a real blessing.

Finally, we would like to remind the community of our Clothing Closet and Food Pantry that are available to anyone in need. Simply call the main office and we will make it happen.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Jason Salhaney
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Give a few more dollars to Salvation Army

To the editor:

When giving to the Salvation Army, let's try to give a few more dollars this year. Chick-Fil-A stopped giving their $200,000 this year. Evidently, their new owner/CEO doesn't want to get involved with Christian organizations, but – will happily sell us chicken!

Karen Conrad
Van Buren Township

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I am grateful for the St. Jude's Prayer. I said the St. Jude's Prayer nine times a day for eight days. It works.

P.M., Van Buren Township

Thank you, St. Jude

Dear St. Jude,

Thank you for answering my prayers and keeping my family and friends healthy. I will continue to pray the St. Jude Prayer.

Thank you, J.S.

City Council OKs 5-year contract with Republic Waste

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a lengthy discussion on Dec. 2, the Belleville City Council unanimously approved a five-year contract with Republic Waste for refuse, recycling, and yard-waste pickups at the approximate 1,100 stops in the city.

DPW Director Rick Rutherford and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer had reviewed the four bids for the service and recommended the city stick with Republic, which has been providing pick-up services to the city for 15 years.

Rutherford said Republic's bid is a savings over the other bids and there will be upgrades to fall services.

He also pointed out that Belleville has a lot of nooks and crannies, including its alleys, and if there was a new provider the old carts would have to be picked up, new ones distributed, and pickup-dates changed, which "would make this a nightmare."

He recommended staying with the services the city is used to having. He said the citizens would have to be informed before any changes are made.

Republic's present contract expires at the end of the year and it was stated the other bidders wouldn't be able to start for 30 days, leaving a gap in pickup.

Rutherford noted that some education has to be done in the city since, "The face of recycling is changing."

Republic's bid was $14.85 per stop per month for the first year, $15.30 for the second year, $15.75 for the third year, $16.22 for the fourth year, and $16.71 for the fifth year. Currently the cost is $12.43.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he sat in on the review of the bids by city officials and after some comments about the changing face of recycling said he agreed with Rutherford's recommendation.

Scott Cabauatan, Republic's Municipal Manager for Southern Michigan and Northern Ohio, was present to answer questions – and there were a lot of questions about service. One of the problems seems to be with the calls to request pick up of bulk items which go to a regional service. If people don't say their street address and then specify Belleville, Michigan 48111, the call center might think the customers are in another state.

"We have a responsibility to better describe where we're at and when items will be put out," Rutherford said.

Councilman Jesse Marcotte said he doesn't have a garage and his recycling container is out in the rain and items get wet and soggy.

Cabauatan said that makes him cringe because they need clean, empty, and dry recycled items. Wet paper, especially, when bound into bundles for reuse get moldy if wet and useless.

"We're kinda reeling from the China piece," Cabauatan said, referring to China refusing to take contaminated recycling. He said for the last 24 months, changes have been great in recycling. In the past, he said, they could present recycled items that were 3-5% contaminated and the new benchmark is half a percent.

"That's a substantial jump," Cabauatan said. "We're making it, but at a cost. Our price has gone up."

Marcotte asked if they could get a different container to keep the items dry.

"I hesitate to say sure," said Cabauatan, saying he hesitates to put a bigger cart, similar to a trash container, without being sure they had the equipment to lift it up. He said they can't have it physically lifted up to the truck because of strains and pains. He suggested working something out with the city manager.

"Maybe we need to get covered containers," said Becky Hasen who said she was in a condo with 79 units and they've been told to put out their items at 7 a.m. and they get rained on. She also outlined her condos' problem with bulk item pickup.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates, who was just sworn in, wanted more information on the contract with prices for different size containers since this is for five years. She said she was given the information on the contract just before the meeting started and she didn't like to vote on things she hadn't studied.

City Manager Kollmeyer said the city usually did a three-year contract, and then extended it two years.

"These prices are based on five years," Cabauatan said.

She asked if Cabauatan could find out if larger containers could be given out and suggested they not approve the contract until the next meeting, so he could get the answer.

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Obituaries

Lenor Vera

LENOR VERA
(February 25, 1931 – December 10, 2019)
Lenor Vera, age 88, of Belleville, died Tuesday. She was born February 25, 1931 in Texas. Mrs. Vera is survived by 8 children, 19 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters.
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Obituaries

Ambera Lee Booth

AMBERA LEE BOOTH
(October 28, 1988 – November 11, 2019)
Our beautiful daughter-sister Ambera Lee Booth passed November 11, 2019. She was born October 28, 1988.
Ambera was loved by many. Her sweet words, smiles, and laughter will never be forgotten. If she needed prayer, she would ask. If someone needed prayer, she would pray. She had attended Schoolcraft and Washtenaw College because of the love of cooking. Her wish was to own a restaurant and name it The Food Booth. The love for her brother was eternal, as well as he for her. She would say I love you longer than the road, Mom. And tell her Dad she loved him, also. She had love for each and every one in her life. Ambera, R.I.P. We love you with all our hearts, minds, and souls.
She is survived by Father Ricky Booth, Mother Elaine Smith, Brother Jonathan Booth, Grandmother Phyllis Linke, Uncle Brian Khan, Uncle Benny Smith, Uncle Rod and Aunt Mickee Booth, Aunt Robin Simpson, Aunt Celia Enders, many cousins, great aunts, uncles and friends.

Sharon Kay Pancoast

SHARON KAY PANCOAST
(October 29, 1960 – December 6, 2019)
Age 59, passed away at her home in Belleville Friday, December 6, 2019. She was born October 29, 1960 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Dale and Janet (Zander) Renwick.
On June 16, 1979, she married Bryan James Pancoast and he survives. Together they had three children and enjoyed time together as a family. Sharon had a love of cooking and animals but most of all, she loved being a mother and grandmother.
In addition to her loving husband of 40 years, survivors include: her sons, Christopher Pancoast and Tony (Meghan) Pancoast; her daughter Lindsay (Chris) Goins; multiple beloved grandchildren; her mother Janet Renwick; sisters, Karen (Doug) Ury and Theresa Williams; brother Jeff (Lindi) Renwick; and several nieces and nephews. Sharon was preceded in death by her father Dale Renwick and sister Kathleen Morgret.
Cremation has taken place. The memorial service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Stark Funeral Service where the family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until time of service. Contributions to the family would be appreciated. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

Dorothy L. King

DOROTHY L. KING
(January 16, 1931 – December 5, 2019)
Dorothy Louise King, age 88, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Regency of Canton. She was born January 16, 1931 in Obion, Tennessee, daughter of Edgar & Addie Mae (Lynsey) Murray.
Dorothy was a beautician for many years, working on Main Street at several different hair salons. She loved to garden, especially herbs. She also loved to cook and collected many cook books. She and her late husband Jack loved to dance. They were in square-dancing and line-dancing clubs. Mrs. King taught line-dancing at the Van Buren Township Senior Center for many years.
Mrs. King is survived by 3 sons: Jack C. (Gloria Usher) King, Jr. of Canton, MI, Eddie M. (Christine) King of Colorado, also Stanley G. King of Van Buren Township, MI; a granddaughter Kari King of Walled Lake, MI; also numerous extended family and friends.
She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jack C. King, Sr. on May 6, 2017, and all her siblings.
Dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.
Mr. & Mrs. King will be laid to rest in Great Lakes National Veteran Cemetery, Holly, MI, sometime in 2020. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.
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Harley Daniel Henderson

HARLEY DANIEL HENDERSON
(June 25, 1996 – November 23, 2019)
Henderson, Harley Daniel, November 27, 2019 age 23 of Westland. Beloved son of Brandi Sweeney and Daniel (Tina) Henderson. Loving brother of Aaron Henderson, Beth Holden and Samantha Holden. Dear boyfriend of Brandi Langston. Visitation was Saturday, December 7, at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Westland. Masonic Funeral Service at 7 PM. Interment Glenwood Cemetery. He will be dearly missed by family and friends.

VINCENT BEAUDRY
(January 9, 1952 – December 3, 2019)
Age 67, of Belleville. Served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years. Survived by two sons, Michael and Dwayne; daughter Amanda; former spouse Mary; 7 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Diane, Sue, Julie. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

More Letters

How dare you rant and spew such venom?

To the editor:

Barbara Zysk-Berman, how dare you rant and spew such venom on those patriots who voted for the President? The great irony is that your every condemnation of the President and the voters is who YOU are and what you have done! You sit so high and mighty in your ivory tower, but you fail to tell the good people what and who you are -- and why your pompous rage at America being saved.

War is fair game, to be sure. But the communists would have the patriot feel guilty because he is not being "politically correct" -- that's the sharpest tool in the communist tool box! Where would America be if George Washington had been told that he wasn't being "politically correct" by denouncing the British?

Barbara Zysk-Berman, you are out of control in your bullying, harassing, and confrontational insults, but your mastery is the "goading" of the blind to follow your deadly aims. But you protest too much -- unfairly positioning yourself as a "concerned citizen" when, in fact, you are a communist, in America -- aimed at the taking of America. Your communist Leftist cabal has destroyed the nation-states, any patriot leader or achiever, the schools, the courts, the actual history of the world (altering B.C. + A.D. to BCE + ACE to eliminate the Christ whose life denotes the historical time line), and reigned hell over the millions who died under communist reigns of terror (after your mask came off). Behind your stooges and pawns you have compromised the country's defenses from within through sabotage and street anarchy -- all while referencing documents and foundations you are intent to destroy.

Communists/Socialists enslave and demean the simple people (sound familiar?) of the communist countries -- to sew the garments and manufacture the goods that make billionaires of your Leftist deceivers; who constantly speak of "doing for the poor." Leftists are liars. Anyone who has traveled the world has witnessed the despair and horrors (Cuba, Venezuela, "once" Holy Russia, Romania, China, Vietnam, Hungary) of what you and your fellow communists have done to "God's children" -- all the while telling us how we should be "seeing it" and punishing those who just don't "get it." The communist wolf pack is well organized but fools to your own abuse of power and the price paid.

God help the American people -- to see through your constant barrage of belittling disgust at the Americans who voted for "someone" to pull America back from the brink. No wonder you are filled with imperious rage! STOP, Barbara Zysk-Berman! JUST STOP! It's time to tell the good readers what your game is and WHY you hate the President and those who voted for him. But since you won't -- I will.

No one, in her right mind, would continue with your intimidating Nazi stance on the good people -- who merely suspect you to be a Democrat -- when, in fact, you are being demeaning and patronizing to America's concerned voters -- your good neighbors -- because you carry an agenda -- that is the play-book of your communists; just assume the masses are low-grade idiots and swamp them with propaganda that makes them feel a sense of "comaraderie" by joining you. Many false preachers use your play-book. Albert Einstein, who knew communism, said it best, "The masses are never militaristic until their minds are poisoned by propaganda." We are there, thanks to you, Barbara Zysk-Berman.

The communists are masters of deception. Barrack Obama, the son of TWO communists, a communist pawn -- slept in the White House -- a clear message that America had been "usurped." While he was repaid by Hollywood's powerful producer Harvey Weinstein -- promising a position for his daughter -- Obama fueled the mobs to take to our streets -- while he never invited the elegant neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson to the White House.

If the American schools hadn't removed the teaching of communism's evils from our literacy, your bullying + intimidating articles would have no audience except for those fueled by your communist propaganda.

Your cabal sits at the full-tilt controls of America, which is on life support. Virtually all communication media venues are communist owned and deny the public ever seeing the vanquished and dying Venezuela or bleeding Cuba or inhumane living conditions in China. It is why the true American patriots are fearing a no-longer-honest press. Any reporter or news person wanting any notoriety must wear "the mark of the beast" to be part of the fake news brigade, but then why should they care?

What the good citizens don't know -- reading your disrespecting take on the voters -- but what you well know, Barbara Zysk-Berman - is that you, Nancy Pelosi, Diane Feinstein, Adam Schiff, Rod Rosenstein, Chuck Schumer, Jerry Nadler, IRS's Lois Lerner (who revoked hundreds of Christian/American non-profits), and denigrating Tom Steyer, all share a directive from your Talmud to destroy anyone in your path -- all while you blather on about the Constitution (of which you played no part). You have diligently set to silence the voters, the Americans who know what they are losing. How dare you be so cavalier to speak to us about our mistakes?

Shame on you, Barbara Zysk-Berman, to be so deceptive and deceitful as to betray America, our Founding Fathers, our young boys who died on the battlefield, all for a One World Order plan to usurp the nation-states for a fool-hardy plan to control and demean the people who answer ONLY to God -- not to you. And you are almost there -- why stop now?

The Apparition of Fatima on the eve of WW1, May 13, 1917, spoke directly to the communists "spreading their errors throughout the world" -- prophesying that they would bring a deadly second war and the communist assassination of a pope falling in white. Our Lady spoke of Hell and a judgment on the evil ones. Yet, your communists (and their stooges) continued in brutal defiance of Heaven's warnings (exposing that you are not a people of God) with the same deceitfully hidden objectives in the ghastly murder of millions -- whose commonality was believing in only God as their judge and NOT to the communists who salivate at the power they ultimately hold over God. Your communist cabal may succeed, Barbara Zysk-Berman, but it will be at a cost to all of mankind -- and to you for eternity.

Linda Broughton
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It's the final week of sales at our Kmart store on Rawsonville Road and its ad says the last days are 12/14 to 12/15. Sorry to see you go. Let's hope the location will be revived with a new tenant and prosperous new life.

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What a crazy, busy, a little tiring at times, but a fun and holiday spirited weekend I had, starting with setting up a Christmas display on Main Street into the overnight hours on Friday. You know, this town does fall into coma about 3 a.m. with very little traffic around. Once done, it was back to the office for a power nap before the final task of hanging some lights at the crack of dawn. I got to watch runners in the Jingle Bell Run from a rooftop before chatting with Barber Bob on day two of his garage sale next door. By then, the smell of bacon traveled down Main and so I had to hit Sam's for a mini and get ready for Animal Magic with friends in the afternoon. Hidalgo's was next up for dinner, and the parade followed. It was great. I loved the BYC float as my pic of the Grinch already made its way to my desktop wallpaper. No fireworks this year for me. I was pooped. Sunday came, with church and breakfast before painting some holiday windows at Tony's Coney Island in New Boston. Winterfest weekend was finally over. This week I get to rest as I nurse a cold and gear up for a little more shopping. Only 13 more days until Christmas.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no charge to be in this column.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Friday, Dec. 13 –** Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, is open for dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Also, will be open for dinner on Friday, Dec. 27.

• **Saturday, Dec. 14 –** Breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., in the Father Folta Building.

• **Saturday, Dec. 14 –** Country Christmas from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., corner of Ellis, New Boston. Meet Country "Claus," have lunch, play games, crafts, Chili Cook-off, Cake Walk/Spirit Walk.

• **Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15** – Bethany Bible Church is presenting its annual Christmas Choir Concert, performing "Joy! He Shall Reign" on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. at the church at 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

• **Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21 –** Children's Ornament Workshop at the Belleville Area Museum, noon, 1:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Cost is $2 per child. Reservations recommended, (734) 697-1944. Also, Photos with Santa from noon to 4 p.m., free, but donations welcome. Photos for special needs, all ages, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

• **Sunday, Dec. 15 –** Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by 18 Strings.

• **Sunday, Dec. 15 –** Youth Christmas Program, with lunch and Ugly Christmas Sweater contest following the 11 a.m. program at Faith Assembly Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 17 –** Free legal aid services available to seniors 60 and older in the community from noon to 4 p.m. at the Preschool Library, Haggerty School, 13770 Haggerty Rd. Presented by Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan and the Guidance Center. Attorney will be on site to answer any general legal questions. Support services for grandparents raising kids, regarding guardianship, fostering, financial options, etc. Info: Anita Rothert (734) 785-7705, ext. 7035.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 18 –** Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from 1 to 6:45 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 21 –** Children's Ornament Workshop at the Belleville Area Museum, 405 Main St., at noon, 1:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Cost is $2 per child. Reservations recommended, (734) 697-1944. Also, photos with Santa from noon to 4 p.m., free, but donations welcome. Photos for special needs, all ages, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

• **Sunday, Dec. 22 –** Candlelight service at 11 a.m., with hot cocoa, coffee and cookies at Faith Assembly Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Before that, at 10 a.m., there are classes and kids' Christmas ornament craft-making.

• **Sunday, Dec. 22 –** Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by Jay/Sax.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 24 –** Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

• **Friday, Dec. 27 –** Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, is open for dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.

• **Monday, Dec. 30 –** Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., Tim Horton's, 10360 Belleville Rd. RedCrossBlood.org

• **Tuesday, Dec. 31 –** Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., are throwing a 2020 New Year's Eve Party with live music by Southern Heat. Tickets available at $30 per person, includes one drink ticket. Tickets available at the bar or at FOE3996.com for PayPal.

• **Monday, Jan. 13 –** The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Media Center in Sumpter Township is 10 a.m. The Media Center is located directly across Sumpter Road from the Sumpter Township Hall. It is the new branch for the Belleville Area District Library.

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Sumpter Twp. Board corrects base salaries stated at last meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The base salaries of elected board members, announced in its Nov. 12 meeting, were corrected by action of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting Nov. 26.

The corrections submitted by Treasurer Ken Bednark are:

- Supervisor: incorrect was $22,418.70
  correct is $22,642.88
- Treasurer/Clerk: incorrect $18,830.68
  correct is $19,018.99
- Trustee: incorrect was $8,322.44
  correct is $8,405.66.

The salaries were set in conjunction with the board action that removed eligibilty and reimbursement for medical benefits for elected officials.

Trustee Matt Oddy also asked for an amendment to the Nov. 12 minutes, since they did not state the motion that eliminated medical reimbursement also was to eliminate eligibility for medical coverage. This was passed and the minutes will be corrected.

Trustee Oddy also added an item to the agenda that the action on the medical coverage eligibility for board members in the Nov. 12 meeting be delayed until township attorney Rob Young can assure the board it is appropriate. This passed unanimously by those present.

Absent from the meeting were Trustees Don LaPorte and Don Swinson.

Oddy said a court added cash in lieu of benefits to the base salary to determine overtime and there are questions on how to address pay for elected officials.

He wanted the attorney "to make sure we weren't doing anything illegal."

Young said he would have an answer at the next meeting.

"I thought it was very clear and unambiguous," Young said. Later he said he would give them what he had at the next meeting, but "it may not be definitive."

Oddy handed out paperwork to the audience on what township people were paid, saying a statement saying 225% at that meeting was in error by about 104% and the paperwork should show that.

Oddy said for 20 years the board has used cash in lieu of coverage.

In other business at the Nov. 26 meeting, the board:

• Approved a Class C License for Zino Sumpter, LLC, be recommended to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Final approval is pending site approval of the site plan for the Italian restaurant by the building department;

• Approved a one-year contract with Constellation, after review by attorney Young. Constellation is a third-party natural gas provider that leases from DTE and provides services based on marketplace demand and usage matrix pricing. An annual estimated savings is $7,527.41. Constellation's customers include Romulus and Huron Township;

• Accepted the bid from C&S Construction Management Inc. of Wyandotte for senior center masonry repair in the amount of $72,405, plus $5,000 additional if necessary repairs are required for the radiant heat system, to be paid out of federal Community Development Block Grant funds and must be used by the end of the year and only for bricks and mortar for senior wing;

• Reaffirmed that Roberts Rules of Order is the parliamentary way Sumpter Township Board meetings will be conducted;

• Approved the Guardian Alarm Security proposal of $340 for installation of a burglar alarm and $41.20 a month for monitoring the Parks and Recreation building, paid with Parks and Recreation funds;

• Approved expanding Expert Technologies service contract from the police department to include the township hall and naming corresponding oversight for administration's IT functions. In the paperwork presented to the board Expert Technologies notes that under the contract with I.T. Right, there have been several security breaches, double billing on invoices and incorrect installations;

• Approved buying 20 new grinder pumps at $2,000 each instead of rebuilt grinder pumps. DPW Director Ken Kunka said there are 520 sewer accounts in the township and 500 or so are on grinder pumps. The township started installing them in 2006 and now they are deteriorating to the point they can't repair. They should last 20 years and the township is running out of pumps. Kunka said they need to look into a way to start replacing those pumps. There have been 96 callouts since last January and repaired pumps have been installed, but they are failing. "We're trying to eliminate this from becoming a catastrophe," Kunka said. Financial Director Elle Cole said she is putting a five-year plan in the budget;

• Approved installation of a new streetlight in the parking of the library branch at a cost of $1,034.57, to be paid out of library funds;

• Approved a new format for the water department report, as recommended by the financial director;

• Approved a moratorium on new hiring, except for police and fire, and a directive to the Human Resource Director to get started on performance appraisals, as requested by Treasurer Bednark; and

• Approved going into closed-door session to discuss the Futernick vs. Sumpter Township lawsuit, with attorney Young promising the executive session would be about five minutes long.

Franzoi, DeBuck take part in 5-day bike tour to Mackinaw City

Victor Franzoi and Norm DeBuck of Van Buren Township took part in the 49th-annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) bicycle tour at the end of August.

This is Franzoi's 21st DALMAC bicycle tour and the seventh DALMAC tour for DeBuck.

Founded in 1971 by former State Sen. Dick Allen, DALMAC offers riders a choice of routes beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 28, or Thursday, Aug. 29, which leave from East Lansing and end on Sunday, Sept. 1, in Mackinaw City.

Newer options include a three-day route that departs from Grayling Friday morning or a two-day route that leaves from Cheboygan Saturday morning.

Franzoi and DeBuck took the five-day tours leaving from East Lansing.

More than 1,200 riders participated in the 2019 tour.

DALMAC seeks to develop an appreciation of bicycling as both recreation and transportation, to promote a bicycle-friendly environment in Michigan and to demonstrate how bicycles and other vehicles can safely share the state's roads. It is a recreational tour open to all capable, interested bicyclists.

Proceeds from the tour have enabled The DALMAC Fund to grant more than $1.3 million to bicycling-related organizations and causes since 1985. Programs benefiting from these grants represent a variety of purposes, from trail projects to public safety to extending bicycling opportunities to those with disabilities.

DALMAC is hosted by the Lansing-based Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA), the largest local bicycling organization in Michigan, with about 1,000 members. The year-round efforts of TCBA volunteers make it possible to offer a high-quality tour at a reasonable price and to raise money in support of bicycling programs without asking riders to collect pledges.

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John Zaroff and Leonard Szweda of the St. Anthony Men's Club present a check for $700 to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434 Commander John Blackstone. The money was raised by the Men's Club at a breakfast fund raiser held at the parish for homeless veterans.

Karrie Brashear initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at EMU

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Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain gave out Life Saving Awards at the Dec. 3 meeting of the VBT Board of Trustees. Standing next to him is the victim who was saved Ron Fanslor, next is VBT Fire Marshal Dave McInally, Fire Fighter Andrew Fidel, and civilian Nicholas Wright. Not present because of a family emergency was Fire Fighter Ryan Smith, who also earned an award.

Life Saving Awards presented to four in Van Buren Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Fire Marshal Dave McInally was driving out of Tim Hortons on Belleville Road on Aug. 28 when he heard a dispatch call for a heart attack at Scott Greca's Choi Kwang-Do Academy across the street. He got there in 34 seconds.

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Dec. 3, VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain presented him and three others with life-saving awards. Also present at the meeting was Ron Fansler, whose life they saved.

Director Laurain said academy manager Nicholas Wright called 911 and when McInally got there Fansler was without a pulse. While McInally got the automated external defibrillator (AED) out, he talked Wright through chest compressions. McInally put the pads on Fansler and the AED said to begin, so he shocked him once. Fire Fighters Ryan Smith and Andrew Fidel arrived and assisted until Huron Valley Ambulance came and transported Fansler to Beaumont Wayne Hospital.

"By the time the ambulance came, his pulse was back and he was breathing," McInally said.

Laurain said Fansler had what doctors called the "Widow Maker." Doctors said he would not have survived without the joint emergency efforts and that is why he is alive and well today, Laurain said.

"Seconds do count," Laurain said, and turning to Fansler he stated, "An angel was looking over your shoulder that day."

Laurain presented awards for Meritorious Actions in saving the life of Ron Fansler to Fire Marshal McInally, Fire Fighter Fidel, and civilian Wright. Fire Fighter Smith was unable to be present because of a family emergency, but he was due to get an award, too.

After the presentation, Fansler produced a bag containing the academy uniform he was wearing that day and he held up the pants and top that had been cut into shreds.

"My heart's not down here," he said, holding up the black pants that had been cut apart with scissors.

McInally explained later he and the other fire fighters at the scene didn't cut up Fansler's clothes and that must have been done by the ambulance crew or at the

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On Nov. 25, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434 presented awards to the student winners in the post's local Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests. Contestants for Voice of Democracy are from Belleville High School and Patriot's Pen winners are from McBride Middle School. From left is contest chairman and Past Post Commander Robert Krouse; Olivia Mae Dickens, second place winner in Patriot's Pen; Kanira E. Gregory, second place winner in Voice of Democracy; Micaya P. Cannon, first place winner in Patriot's Pen; and Jeremiah Jones, first place winner in Voice of Democracy. The two winners will proceed on to the district contests.

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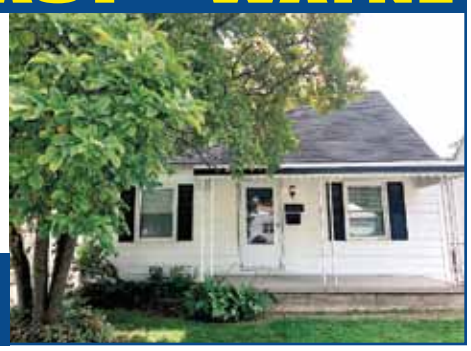

At a special ceremony on Nov. 25 at the Belleville Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gunnery Sergeant Mathew Barr, instructor of the NJROTC program at Belleville High School, poses with two of his students who won awards from the VFW in the Voice of Democracy essay contest. At left is Kanira E. Gregory, who won second place, and at right is Jeremiah Jones, who won first place and will compete in the district contest.

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VBT vs Visteon

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After Crain's Detroit Business published a story online on the new law suit Tuesday morning and referred to a news release, the *Independent* requested the news release from the township and finally got it just before deadline for this week's paper.

The news release, reportedly written by the township's attorney Kaveh Kashef, states: In its complaint, the township asks the court to find that Visteon Corporation breached its contract with the township. In that contract -- a settlement agreement was reached between the parties while Visteon was mired in bankruptcy -- the township gave the global auto parts supplier massive property tax concessions in exchange for Visteon's commitment to make payments in the future that would be necessary to avoid a default on the $28 million in bonds that the township's Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) had previously issued to help Visteon develop its world headquarters, "Visteon Village."

As originally structured, Visteon's property tax payments would have been sufficient to pay off the bonds; after the property tax concessions, a future shortfall was inevitable, which is why the township conditioned the concession on Visteon's assistance in covering the future shortfall.

The news release continues: With the property tax concessions from the township, Visteon emerged from bankruptcy and has enjoyed financial success. In 2018 alone, it reported $164 million in net income. Now, however, Visteon has rejected the township's request for payment under the agreement, denying that it has any obligation to assist the township cover the shortfall on the bond payments.

In the news release, Supervisor McNamara is quoted: "We tried to responsibly manage financial responsibilities by bringing this shortfall to Visteon's attention when we had certainty of the shortfall amount and the date of its occurrence. For years, the township told Visteon the shortfall would occur in October 2019. For years, Visteon has been telling the township and the courts that the township's projections are hypothetical or speculative. Well, it's turned out exactly as we projected, and Visteon is still stonewalling us, leaving taxpayers to pick up the tab on the shortfall. We're working on our residents' behalf to prevent that from happening. It's in the best interest of our taxpayers to put this case in front of the court. We are hopeful that the court will make Visteon finally keep its promises to our community."

In replying to the *Independent's* request Tuesday to talk to McNamara on the lawsuit, McNamara sent an email: "As this is very important to the community, I am reluctant to say anything to [sic] that can be used in future lawsuit filings. This is our official press release. For a while it will be my policy to 'Not comment any further on this on-going lawsuit.' I am deferring to the attorneys at this key juncture in this suit."

In another comment, McNamara wrote: "I dropped the hint that it was going out soon at our last meeting. I actually only found out last night that they filed yesterday. Sorry."

Van Buren Charter Township vs. Visteon Corporation may be reviewed at Case #19-016479-CB.

A status conference on the case has been set for 8 a.m., March 9, in Business Court before Judge Edward Ewell, Jr.

Court Watching

Ashley Vanburen takes plea deal on possession charge, reduced to use

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Ashley Vanburen, 28, of Manchester, agreed to a plea deal on her charge of possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy in Van Buren Township on April 21, 2018.

She was before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green on Nov. 27.

Vanburen pled guilty to use of a controlled substance without a prescription. She told Judge Green she had been prescribed one medication and she got the other medication from a friend.

Vanburen said she is clean now and is a stay-at-home mom with children ages 11 and 6 and lives with help from the children's father. She lives an hour away and had come to Van Buren Township to help a friend.

Judge Green sentenced her to probation with testing for drugs and alcohol, which can be done in her community. Judge assessed costs and other fees, which totaled $925. Vanburen had been on personal bond of $5,000.

Kyle David Hahn

Kyle David Hahn, 29, waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Dec. 11. Judge Green continued his personal bond of $10,000.

Hahn is charged with fleeing police in a vehicle and operating while intoxicated in Sumpter Township on Aug. 23. His retained attorney is Joshua Nucian.

Rennie Ray Brooks

Charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon on Nov. 10 in Van Buren Township were dismissed against Rennie Ray Brooks, 49.

He had been lodged on bond of $5,000/10%.

Stephanie Renee Sutton

Stephanie Renee Sutton, 34, of Belleville, waived her preliminary exam on a charge of possession of narcotics or cocaine of less than 25 grams on June 27 in Van Buren Township.

Judge Green bound Sutton over to circuit court for a Dec. 11 arraignment on the information. Her $5,000 personal bond was continued. Her defense attorney is from the Neighborhood Defender Service.

Van Buren Eagles sets New Year's Eve Party with 'Southern Heat'

The Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, is presenting a New Year's Eve Party, beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 31. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. and the band starts at 9 p.m. Champagne and pizza at midnight. Live music is by "Southern Heat."

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• Monday, Dec. 16 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 23 – Belleville Parks and Recreation Commission, 4 p.m.

• Thursday, Jan. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board at 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.

• Monday, Jan. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools organizational meeting, 7 p.m. at BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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Court Watching

Exam on animal cruelty, civil forfeiture delayed until Jan. 16 for Stacks

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Dec. 4, Judge David Parrott's 34th District Court courtroom was packed with about 30 people who came to watch or testify in the animal cruelty charges against Javon Pherra Stacks, 36, who formerly lived in Harbour Club Apartments in Van Buren Township and now lists an address in Farmington.

Stacks is charged with three counts of animal cruelty on Aug. 15 in the City of Romulus. The first charge is abandoning/cruelty to 25 or more animals and the other two charge him for cruelty to one animal each.

Eric Clark is his retained defense attorney, prosecuting attorney is Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Joshua Holmes, and officer in charge of the case is Romulus Detective Kelly Fragodt.

After Judge Parrott called the case, defense attorney Clark asked for a sidebar discussion for preliminary discussions and so Clark and Holmes approached the bench and there was a long discussion.

When the private discussion was over, Judge Parrott said this is the first time in his 18 years as a judge that he has been asked by the state to consider criminal and civil aspects together.

"It's a hybrid criminal/civil mess," Judge Parrott said. "The first I have seen or touched and I am unprepared to continue. It wouldn't be practical to go forward… The animals are not in jeopardy … Let's keep it that way."

He said the holiday is coming up, and if he set the next session in his court for felonies it would be Dec. 25. He said he doesn't want to put the case on either of his colleagues and they wouldn't like it if he did that.

Judge Parrott adjourned the case until 9:05 a.m. on Jan. 16 and he will keep Jan. 17 open, if needed.

Prosecutor Clark said he has witnesses in the courtroom who are ready to testify and Judge Parrott apologized and announced those subpoenas are still in effect for the Jan. 16 court session.

"This is beyond the court's control. Please have a happy holiday," Judge Parrott said and some 30 people went out the door into the hallway and those in the crowd discussed the court case for some time before leaving.

Later Judge Parrott explained that the civil forfeiture that was added to the criminal case involves taking all the animals away from Stacks.

Reportedly, the large number of animals confiscated by the Romulus Police are being taken care of by volunteers and one woman is watching over 500 hedgehogs.

In the past, Stacks reportedly had some animals located in a closed store at Belle Plaza in Belleville, which brought complaints to Belleville City Hall, and later in a location in Lakeside shopping center in Van Buren Township. The charges he faces now are from a location in a Romulus strip mall.

Jackie Lee Elkins

Jackie Lee Elkins, 47, of Romulus was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) on Jan. 18 in Van Buren Township and was free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond. His retained attorney was David Cripps.

Elkins was due for his preliminary exam on Dec. 4, but the complainant was not present and the prosecution could not continue. The charge was dismissed at the request of the prosecutor. It was dismissed without prejudice, meaning it could be refiled in the future. Elkins was in a wheelchair before Judge Parrott.

Charlene Amanda Harrington

Charlene Amanda Harrington, 38, of Sumpter Township, waived her preliminary exam on a charge of operating while intoxicated, third time, and having a blood alcohol content of more than .17 on Sept. 28 in Sumpter Township. She is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond and her retained attorney is Jack Kramer.

Judge Parrott bound Harrington over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Dec. 18 for an arraignment on the information. Bond was continued.

Zachary Glenn Mills

Zachary Glenn Mills, 31, of Fowlerville, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Lisa Martin bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Dec. 18 for an arraignment on the information and charges of being in possession of narcotics or cocaine and operating while intoxicated. His court-appointed defense attorney is from the Neighborhood Defender Service.

Jeffrey Nicholas Roman

Jeffrey Nicholas Roman, 41, of Canton, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Dec. 18 for an arraignment on the information. He is charged with operating while intoxicated, third time, on Oct. 5, 2018 in Van Buren Township. He is being defended by retained attorney Mark Ellis and is free on $5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Anthony Paul Varcoe

Anthony Paul Varcoe, 44, of Livonia, waived his preliminary exam and Magistrate Martin bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information Dec. 18. He is charged with identity theft on Feb. 1 in Van Buren Township. He is free on $10,000 personal recognizance bond and his retained attorney is Richard Corriveau. Kenneth Thompson stood in for Corriveau on Dec. 4.

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hospital. He said that stickers for the heart monitor have to be put in various locations and the clothes had to be cut for that.

In other business at the 37-minute, Dec. 3 township meeting, the board:

• Approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #11-19-19 (4) to rezone the ITC corridor through Ashley Crossroads South from RM, Multiple Family Residential, to M-1, Light Industrial, so Ashley can park about 80 trucks;

• Approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #11-19-19 (1) to rezone 791 Savage Rd. and 13720 Martinsville Rd. from M-1, Light Industrial, to R1-B, Single Family Residential. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township would extend the deadline for other people in that area seeking the free rezoning to the properties' current use;

• Approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance #11-19-19 (3) to change the future land use designation on the Master Plan for 41620 E. Huron River Dr. to RM, Multiple Family Residential with a note which states, "Land uses should be limited for parcel 83-089-99-0010-702 to single family detached dwellings at a maximum density of 6-7 single family dwelling units per acre." This is the property to be developed by Scott Jones and Tammy and Bill Osier;

• Heard Trustee Paul White discuss the new F-150 on the Prepaid List of Nov. 21 that is coming out of the Buildings and Grounds budget. He said the board had a strong discussion on this and the board did not approve of Director Matthew Best driving a township vehicle as his personal vehicle. "It's important we are not buying personal vehicles," Trustee White said. Supervisor McNamara said it is not going to be used as a personal vehicle and is scheduled to be a fleet vehicle;

• Heard Trustee White complain about the $3,000 payment to Paula Tutman for a 1-1/2-hour meeting with township employees at township hall on Dec. 18. McNamara praised Tutman as being a motivational speaker used by corporate offices. "I have a serious problem with how money is being spent in this township," White said. Trustees Reggie Miller and Sherry Frazier agreed they did not know about this until after it was set up and would like to be kept better informed; and

• Heard Trustee Frazier criticize the set up in the Otisville/Sheldon Room, where the meeting was being held since the board room was being upgraded. She pointed out, after all the money the township has spent on electronic equipment, that there were only two microphones at the board table, and they were in front of the men. "We don't have three microphones in this place? Shame on us," she said.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019

A special called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

City Manager Search

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer will retire on February 3, 2020. Mayor Conley led a discussion and sought input regarding recruitment strategies for finding a new city manager. Council Members recently elected, Kelly Bates and Ken Voigt, were present and provided comments as did members in the audience. Discussions are ongoing.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk
Approved: December 3, 2019
Published: December 12, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE 11-19-19(1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 05-2-17(2) AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.
The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 11-19-19 (1)
An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcels V125-83-105-99-0054-000 and V-125-83-105-99-0008-000; otherwise known as 791 Savage and 13720 Martinsville Road from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.

791 Savage Road is located on the north side of Savage Road between Martinsville Road and E. Huron River Drive. 13720 Martinsville Road is located on the west side of Martinsville Road between E. Huron River Drive and Savage Road.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY
In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.
Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.
The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 3rd day of December, 2019

YEAS: Miller, Frazier, Martin, White, Budd, Wright and McNamara
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

_____ _____
Leon Wright, Clerk Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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School Board

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businesses;

• Approved the second reading of a group of updated and new board policies that were discussed at the Nov. 25 meeting;

• Approved hiring non-instructional employees Rebecca Guido as a paraprofessional at Rawsonville Elementary as of Dec. 2; Margaret Simon as a bus aide as of Nov. 20; and Kenneth Tooley as a bus driver as of Nov. 25;

• Heard LaRoy Williams of Industry Specific Staffing of Southfield address the board with an offer to supply public school teachers and substitutes to make sure schools are 100% staffed with state-qualified teachers. He said this does not interfere with the process currently used by the school for substitutes. He said he just signed Romulus. Williams said this is a minority-owned business;

• Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report that he may have an agreement with the teachers and may need a special board meeting at 9 a.m., Friday, Dec. 20 to approve it;

• Heard Curriculum Director Jeffrey Moore report on different educational pathways he is finding for students, including GIS in the second semester, teacher cadets, and cybersecurity networking. He said there are other career choices than having to take on excessive debt to go to college;

• Heard board secretary Darlene Gerick say she was pleased to see the BHS football team and cheerleaders marching in the parade last Saturday; and

• Heard board president Keith Johnston say how pleased he was with the turnout for the Community Assistance Fund (CAF5) benefit pancake breakfast on Saturday. He said there were 110 people who came through and some who bought tickets in advance and didn't come to eat. He said Edgemont Elementary School gave them $500 and $1,700 came from the 34th District Court. CAF5 is the organization that supports students in need in Van Buren, Romulus, New Boston, Sumpter and Belleville and 90% of its assistance has been to the students in the Van Buren Schools.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE 11-19-19(4)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 05-2-17(2) AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.
The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Ordinance No. 11-19-19 (4)
An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning parcel V125-83-041-99-0001-002 (part of the ITC corridor) from RM, Multiple Family Residential M-1, Light Industrial.

The parcel is a narrow band of land which is part of the ITC corridor, which runs through the Ashley Crossroads South Development.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY
In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEALER.
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YEAS: Miller, Frazier, Martin, White, Budd, Wright and McNamara
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

_____ _____
Leon Wright, Clerk Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Metropark events in December

COFFEE CLUB
Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 a.m.
Lake Erie Metropark Marshlands Museum, Brownstown. Donuts, coffee and a nature walk. What a great way to start your weekend.
Cost: Donations
Pre-register at 734-379-5020 or email: kevin.arnold@metroparks.com

LAKE ERIE OWL PROWL
Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.
Lake Erie Marshlands Museum, Brownstown. Join us for a live owl program presented by the Leslie Nature and Science Center where we'll get to see these amazing birds up close and personal!
Cost: $4 per child; $6 adult
Pre-register at 734-379-5020 or email kevin.arnold@metroparks.com

SUNDAY WITH SANTA
Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m., Noon & 2 p.m.
Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, Flat Rock. Sing Christmas carols, play games, visit with Santa and make holiday crafts. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served, too!
Cost: $6 per person
Pre-register at 734-379-5020 or email kevin.arnold@metroparks.com

THE NATURAL HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS
Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.
Lake Erie Marshlands Museum, Brownstown. Clicking tendons, not-so-poisonous flowers and the number six are all part of Christmas, believe it or not! Join us as we look deeper into the often unknowns of the holiday season.
Cost: $3 child, $5 adult
Pre-register at 734-379-5020 or email kevin.arnold@metroparks.com

HOMESCHOOL THURSDAY: AWESOME OWLS!
Thursday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m.
Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, Flat Rock. In this month's homeschool program, we will learn about owls. We will hit the trail to discuss these majestic creatures before heading back to the Center to dissect an owl pellet.
Cost: $4
Pre-register at 734-782-3956 or email kevin.arnold@metroparks.com

DROP-IN OWL PELLET DISSECTING DAY
Saturday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center, Flat Rock. Stop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to learn about owls, owl pellets, and get your very own owl pellet dissection kit. Our staff will help you work through the pellet to discover what the owl had for lunch, and we will attempt to put the skeleton of the animal back together.
Cost: $5 per pellet
Pre-register at 734-782-3956 or email kevin.arnold@metroparks.com

Sumpter Media Center ribbon cutting moved to Monday, Jan. 13

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Sumpter Media Center has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13.

Belleville Area District Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said, "We are delaying this until after the holidays in order to make sure the mill work is installed and all of the furniture has been delivered. We still hope to have a soft opening of the branch prior to Jan. 13."

Media Center is the new branch of the Belleville Area District Library and is located in the hexagon building directly across Sumpter Road from the Sumpter Township Hall.

The ribbon cutting had originally been scheduled for Dec. 14.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Otisville/Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Executive Assistant Selman, Executive Assistant Renaud, Fire Marshal McInally, Director of Public Safety Laurain, Firefighter Fidel and an audience of thirteen (13).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Amended Consent Agenda: [Work Study Session minutes of November 18, 2019, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes 19, 2019] with the amendment which moved items #4 (Prepaid List of November 21, 2019) and #5 (Voucher List of December 3, 2019) to New Business. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Announcements included the following: The Senior Center is having their annual bake sale Saturday, December 7th with donations being accepted on Friday, December 6th; the Police Department is accepting Goodfellows applications in person until Friday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m.; the Belleville Area Museum is hosting a Children's Ornament Workshop on Saturday, December 14th at noon, 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. for a fee of $2 per child; the Treasury Department will be open Friday, December 27th from 9:00 am until 5:00 p.m. to accept payments for winter taxes; Members of the September Day Senior Center can participate in the Christmas Party on Friday, December 13th from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for a $10 fee; the Clerk's Office is still accepting monetary donations for Coats for School Kids until Friday, December 6th; the Recreation Department is hosting a Harry Potter themed edition of Kids Crafty Saturdays on January 11th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will take place on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Presentations included the following: Director of Public Safety Laurain presented Life Saving Awards to Fire Marshall McInally, Sgt. Ryan Smith, and Firefighter Andrew Fidel for their heroic measures in saving the life of resident Ronald Fansler. Director Laurain also presented a Civilian Life Saving Award to Nicholas Wright for quick intervention in responding to Mr. Fansler's cardiac emergency. Doctors later told Director Laurain that their joint efforts are the reason Mr. Fansler is alive and well today.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Martin moved, Frazier seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #11-19-19 (4) to rezone the property shown on the attached map (part of the ITC Corridor), (Parcel ID# V-125-83-041-99-0001-002) from RM, Multiple Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial. The parcel is a narrow band of land which is part of the ITC corridor, which runs through the Ashley Crossroads South development. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #11-19-19(1) to rezone parcels V-125-83-105-99-0054-000 and V-125-83-105-99-0008-000; otherwise known as 791 Savage Road and 13720 Martinsville Road, respectively from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #11-19-19(3) to amend the Township's Future Land Use Map in the Township's Master Plan to change the future land use designation of the property located at 41620 E. Huron River Drive as RM, Multiple Family Residential with a note which states, "Land uses should be limited for parcel 83-089-99-0010-702 to single family detached dwellings at a maximum density of 6-7 single family dwelling units per acre." Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Miller, White, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the Prepaid List of November 21, 2019. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Voucher List of December 3, 2019. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: December 12, 2019

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On December 27th, 2019, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2007	FORD	PU	1FTPX14V17FA19069	19-17445
2008	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1AL18F787216644	19-18033
2005	FORD	4D	1FAFP34N95W281092	19-18776
1998	FORD	PU	1FTZX18W9WNB76901	19-18776
2004	HYUNDAI	4D	KMHDN46D44U737717	19-18776
2010	NISSAN	4D	3N1BC1AP3AL417914	19-18918
2005	FORD	4D	1FAHP53U95A245722	19-19440
2001	DODGE	4D	1B3ES46C51D173372	19-19440
1995	OLDSMOBILE	2D	1G3WT32X4SD320852	19-19508
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP34371W351374	19-19604
2008	FORD	SW	1FMEU63E58UB06447	19-19604
1999	FORD	4D	1FAFP53S2XG219517	19-19604
2009	FORD	SW	1FMCU04G99KD06054	19-19756
2004	SATURN	4D	1G8JD54RX4Y511795	19-19899
2019	DONGFANG	MC	LXDPCNPC5C1500253	19-20077
2011	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HA2BR133220	19-21289

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2007	SATURN	4D	1G8ZS57N17F260411	19-17095
2011	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3BC1FG8BN579999	19-17730
2007	CHEVROLET	2D	1G1AK58F077281246	19-18125
2002	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3HD36M62H100254	19-18506
2005	MAZDA	SW	1YVHP84C255M68687	19-19087
2008	FORD	PU	1FTRX14W08FB66213	19-19192
2002	HONDA	4D	1HGES26742L081393	19-19460
2003	MERCURY	4D	2MEHM75W23X668058	19-19744
2003	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3NL52F93C307584	19-19914
1999	GMC	SW	1GKEK13R6XJ778375	19-20002
2008	JEEP	SW	1J8HG48K18C125409	19-20354
2007	FORD	4D	1FAFP56U07A127290	19-20435
2003	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E339277324	19-20910
2006	MERCURY	4D	1MEHM42116G617023	19-21808

At 12:30 pm, the auction will move to **Region Towing** at 45908 Bemis Rd., Van Buren Township MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicle, will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2008	Royal Cargo	TR	5LABE10138M100855	19-19497

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: December 12th, 2019

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:45 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Trustee Swinson excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 17 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the agenda with the following edits;
REMOVE: 15. Unfinished Business, Item A.
REMOVE: 16. New Business, Item J.
Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were made on the Agenda.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve the warrants totaling $263,173.08. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Swinson excused. Nay: None. Motion carried

7. Receive and File all Reports: Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to receive and file the following reports. Motion carried.
• Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:
• Police Report-Luke:
• Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:
• Fire Report-Januszyk:
• Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark:
• Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

14. Board Response:
• Trustee Oddy, advised that during the 9/24 Regular Board Meeting a conversation was held about the Landfill and concerns were expressed about the declining revenue experienced over the recent years. A recent report from the Finance Director indicating positive growth 6 out of the recent past 7 years was shared to address those concerns with the residents.
• Treasurer Bednark addressed Attorney Young as to his current contract with the Township. The Treasurer believes that the township needs to address contract policies and how each is awarded and reviewed.

16. New Business:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Hurst to approve the elimination of eligibility for medical benefits and medical reimbursement for the Sumpter Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees with the establishment of a new board compensation schedule. Motion failed.
Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to approve the elimination of eligibility for medical benefits and medical reimbursement for the Sumpter Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees with no establishment of a new board compensation schedule effective January pay period per the schedule of the base salaries only, no medical compensation. Motion failed.
Motion by Oddy requested to amend the effective date of Trustee Rush's agenda amendment to immediately, the next available pay period of December 1st. Motion unsupported.
*Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to remove eligibility for medical benefits and medical reimbursement and establish the salaries for the Board of Trustees those salaries will be as follows; All (4) Trustees the salary is as it is and will remain $8,322.44. Supervisor Morgan $22,418.70, Treasurer Bednark $18,830.68 and Clerk Hurst $18,830.68. Supervisor Morgan then asked Clerk Hurst for a roll call vote. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, LaPorte, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Swinson excused. Nay: None. Motion carried. Clerk Hurst confirmed that this would be effective December 1st, 2019.
B. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve Brown Dog Millwork Package for Media Center of $27,375, paid out of library funds. Motion carried.
C. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve reappointment of Matt Oddy to Planning Commission and ZBA with term to expire November 20, 2022. Motion carried.
D. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve a Management Agreement with the Nature Conservancy through December 31, 2025. Motion carried.
E. **TABLED** Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to table approval for MLCC Resolution/Application for Class C License for Zino Sumpter, LLC to allow for the Business Owner/Representation to be present and considered. Motion carried.
F. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve hiring Austin Tyler Wegienka as a Sumpter Township firefighter contingent upon his successfully passing a physical exam and drug screen. Motion carried.
G. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve Planet Aid recycling services and agreement contingent upon Attorney approved language addressing auto-renewal, service satisfaction and first right of refusal. Motion carried.
H. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the Scrap Tire CleanUp Grant between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and Sumpter Township. Motion carried.
I. REMOVE Motion by Bednark, supported by Oddy to remove the treasurers bank deposit procedures utilizing Sumpter Twp PD, as stated in the attached document from consideration. Motion carried.

17. Announcements:
• Trustee Oddy stated that he was very pleased that the Board took action on the issue of medical reimbursement. This has been an issue for many years.
• Trustee LaPorte reported that an Eagle Scout approached him and would like Board support to provide training in bicycle rules of the road, safety and proper maintenance of their bicycles by allowing use of the Fire Department parking lot. Trustee LaPorte indicated that the Board had time to consider approval for the Spring, 2020.
• Trustee LaPorte reported that, after much research, a Corporate sponsor had been identified to support AED/CPR/First Aid training over this winter season. Three (3) different classes would be open to only Sumpter Twp residents at no cost which will be conducted at Fire Station #1. Republic Services provided a donation to the training effort. It will be the full Heart Saver class, the AED class and the First Aid class. A fourth class will be conducted for healthcare professionals.
• Trustee Rush added that the Board should be proud of its actions to address the historical medical reimbursement issues and congratulated each of the Trustees.
• Trustee Rush stated that the Trunk or Treat this year was a huge success. The turnout for the function was incredible and all those who supported the activities and volunteered did a great job. MAFF contributed to the additional needs, as well.

18. Open Floor: Two (2) people spoke.

19. Closed Session
At 7:56 pm, Motion by Oddy, supported by Bednark to move to Closed Session; pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material and pending litigation review exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law.
Roll call vote; Yay; Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, LaPorte and Oddy. Trustee Swinson excused. Nay; None. Motion carried.
At 8:22 pm, Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to open the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.
Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to proceed as discussed in Closed Session and accept the Attorney's update and recommendations as advised during Closed Session. Motion carried.

20. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Motion carried.
*Amended during Regular Board Meeting, November 26, 2019.
Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township
Esther Hurst, Clerk
John Morgan, Supervisor
Published: December 12, 2019

Bradley Folks bowls 300 at Lodge Lanes in VBT

On Dec. 5, Bradley Folks bowled a 300 game for Belleville High School during a scrimmage against Lincoln High School at Lodge Lanes in Van Buren Township. Bradley is the son of Dan and Becky Folks of Belleville and a BHS junior.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations	None
Council follow up list	None
Citizen Comments	None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to approve the City Council meeting minutes from November 4th, 2019 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Regulate Penalties for Juveniles who Violate City Code of Ordinances

City Attorney Hitchcock presented a draft ordinance explaining that the regulations would allow the City to manage juvenile code violations as civil infractions.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to open a public hearing at 7:34 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Recreational Marihuana

At its February 19th meeting, Council expressed its desire to opt out of recreational marihuana facilities within the City limits via Resolution #19-008. During the subject meeting, City Attorney Steve Hitchcock presented a draft ordinance and took questions from Council and audience members.
Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 19-077** calling for a public hearing on December 2, 2019.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Refuse Collection Bid Opening

City Clerk Sherri Scharf opened four (4) bids for refuse collection:
1. Republic Waste Services
2. GFL (Green for Life) Environmental Services
3. Priority Waste
4. Waste Management of Michigan

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 19-078** to authorize City Administration to negotiate a new refuse collection agreement with one of four companies who provided bids as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Public Safety Special Assessment

City Attorney Hitchcock revisited Resolution #19-053 that authorized Wayne County to place the question of a public safety assessment on the ballot for the November 5th election. Now that citizens approved the measure, Council must advise how much to assess on the Winter 2019 tax roll.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 19-079**, authorizing a public safety assessment of 2 mills to be levied on the Winter 2019 tax roll as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Regulate Penalties for Juveniles who Violate City Code of Ordinances

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve **Ordinance No. 19-002** to regulate penalties for juveniles who violate the City Code of Ordinances as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Postage Meter Recommendation

City Clerk Scharf recommended NeoPost, the current postage meter vendor, who submitted the lowest bid of $153.70/month for a new 5-year lease agreement.
Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 19-080**, approving a new 5-year lease agreement with NeoPost as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 19-081**, for accounts payable and purchases over $500.00 totaling $109,365.01 as presented.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Fire Chief Brian Loranger congratulated the Belleville High School football team for its recent win. He said he received a FEMA grant for $35,000 (with a $3,500 City match) that will be used to purchase new radios.

11. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Swearing-in ceremony for newly elected City Council members.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Scharf
City Clerk
Approved: December 3, 2019
Published: December 12, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 470 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 1:

0000 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0927 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.

1057 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty Rd.

1124 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Huron River Dr.

1156 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.

1205 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Willow Way

1308 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Water's Edge Ln.

1318 – assault & battery, Winding Pond Dr.

1331 – animal complaint, Sadie Ln.

1413 – animal complaint, Huron River Dr.

1433 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.

1450 – larceny from auto, Woodbury Dr.

1905 – larceny from auto, Anna Dr.

1927 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

2041 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

Monday, Dec. 2:

0340 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

0617 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.

0707 – property damage accident, Brookside Dr.

0841 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse

0931 – ordinance violation, Brookside Dr.

1102 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1122 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.

1137 – sexual assault, Holly Ln.

1228 – ordinance violation, South Woodbury Green Dr.

1337 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service

1342 – assist other dept., McBride

1734 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

2038 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

2137 – family trouble, Victoria St.

2153 – domestic, Denton Rd.

2154 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 3:

0038 – 911 welfare check, Ash Dr.

0602 – road hazard, Rawsonville/Martz

0649 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

0737 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.

0808 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0844 – larceny from auto, Bayshore Dr.

0902 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury

0927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Birch Dr.

1046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sunset Pond Cir.

1218 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.

1227 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1436 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood

1648 – larceny from auto, Edwards Rd.

1651 – fraud, Pierce St.

1741 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.

1808 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born

1837 – 911 welfare check, Beacon Trl.

1852 – neighbor trouble, N. Purple Sage Ct.

1855 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood

2036 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty

2056 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

2235 – road hazard, McBride Ave.

2302 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.

2321 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 4:

0744 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1008 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1036 – larceny from auto, Rogers Ave.

1124 – abandoned auto, Jeremy Rd.

1206 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1237 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1401 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1430 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

1458 – private property/property damage accident, Van Buren St.

1501 – animal complaint, Bak Rd.

1508 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1526 – threat, Belleville Rd.

1547 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.

1555 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1556 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1719 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1723 – suicidal person, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1741 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1750 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Dr

2232 – domestic, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 5:

1024 – suspicious person/vehicle, Barnwell Dr.

1058 – assist other dept., Peninsular Dr.

1205 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty

1310 – animal complaint, Country Walk Ct.

1449 – ordinance violation, Hull Rd.

1450 – ordinance violation, Riggs Rd.

1518 – assault & battery, E. Schooner Dr.

1624 – private property impound, Sumpter Rd.

1627 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Brookside Dr.

2007 – family trouble, N. Bellridge Dr.

2134 – suicidal person, Lohr Rd.

2157 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2223 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.

2303 – noise complaint, Sugarbush

Friday, Dec. 6:

0109 – assist other dept., Lighthouse Dr.

0126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.

0543 – unattended death, Ryznar Dr.

0736 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.

1011 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.

1127 – ordinance violation, E. Huron River Dr.

1250 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1351 – ordinance violation, Harmony Ln.

1400 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

1550 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hampton Dr.

1603 – assist other dept., S. Grove Rd.

1632 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service

1715 – assist other dept., South St./Sumpter Rd.

1805 – family trouble, Assembly St.

1918 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

2134 – threat, Turnberry Ct.

2241 – trespassing, Huron River Dr.

2319 – noise complaint, Sugarbush Ln. / S. Ponderosa Trl.

2341 – family trouble, Maple

2358 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 7:

0022 – noise complaint, Rayna Ct.

0333 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

0428 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.

0431 – mental subject, McKinley St./Pierce St.

0823 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.

0959 – suicidal person, Jeannette Ave.

1017 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.

1144 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1216 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1330 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94

1331 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1512 – suspicious person/vehicle, Timberland Dr.

1658 – private property impound, Lake Point Blvd.

1705 – animal complaint, Ashbury

1711 – assist other dept., Haggerty/I-94

1733 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.

1844 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1910 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.

2257 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd.

2317 – disorderly, Village Green Ln.

2343 – domestic, Oak Ln.

2354 – family trouble, Oak Ln.

Also on this week's log are 174 traffic stops, 76 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 1:

0121 – domestic, Carmell St.

1050 – intrusion alarm, W. Thornhill Ct.

1108 – miscellaneous complaint, South St. / W. Wabash Ave.

1115 – 911 welfare check, Clarence St.

1338 – property damage accident, N. Biggs Ave.

1710 – malicious destruction of property, Second St.

1745 – motorist assist, E. Columbia Ave.

2047 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.

Monday, Dec. 2:

0321 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

0732 – property damage accident, W. Columbia

0951 – property damage accident, N. Liberty/Main

1207 – property damage accident, High St.

1305 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

1322 – narcotics crime, McBride

1459 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 3:

0130 – domestic, Henry St.

1608 – property damage accident, main St.

1802 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

1914 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.

Wednesday, Dec. 4:

0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Liberty St.

0124 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.

0211 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd / clubhouse

0827 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

0924 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.

0943 – welfare check, Belle Villa

1241 – found property/child, Church St./Second

1659 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1735 – welfare check, Main St.

2241 – miscellaneous complaint, Potter Dr.

Thursday, Dec. 5:

0753 – abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr.

0843 – 911 welfare check, Oxford Ct.

1111 – juvenile complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.

1113 – property damage accident, E. Columbia

1717 – assist fire dept., Brain St.

1810 – malicious destruction of property, Church

Friday, Dec. 6:

0208 – intrusion alarm, Main St.

0439 – disorderly, Church St.

0921 – follow up by officer, Sumpter Rd.

1030 – welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.

1127 – warrant arrest, Carmell St.

1251 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.

1421 – lost property/child, Main St.

1603 – traffic offense, Liberty/Fourth

1717 – property damage accident, Sumpter/South

1804 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.

2319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Plaza

Saturday, Dec. 7:

0945 – mental subject, Main St.

1339 – traffic offense, N. Liberty St.

1547 – fraud, Main St.

1558 – motorist assist, Taco Bell

1609 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

1917 – assist fire dept., Main St.

2049 – warrant arrest, S. Huron St.

Also on this week's log are 33 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 1:

0037 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

0553 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.

1007 – well-being check, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter

1317 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

1436 – animal complaint, 39000 bl. Willow

1657 – breaking & entering, Texas

1748 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1953 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2033 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, Dec. 2:

0250 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

0317 – suspicious person, Harris/Haggerty

0358 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1019 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1128 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1404 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1741 – subpoena service, Brookview

1747 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township

1930 – threats complaint, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1935 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 3:

0909 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow

1001 – fraud, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1037 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville

1051 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville

1143 – ordinance violation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

1314 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1528 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.

1654 – alarm, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.

1842 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.

1844 – personal injury accident, Oakville Waltz / Martinsville

2214 – property damage accident, Willis/Sherwood

2226 – fire dept. assist, First St.

2334 – runaway juvenile, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 4:

0345 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Lohr Rd.

0716 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Arkona

0813 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0959 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

1054 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

1210 – parking complaint, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1358 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.

1447 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1648 – well-being check, 24000 bl. Martinsville

1927 – 911 hang up, Greenmeadow

2106 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Thursday, Dec. 5:

0915 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1105 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

1448 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter

1554 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1618 – animal complaint, Bemis/Martinsville

1846 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Friday, Dec. 6:

0527 – fire dept. assist, Tulip

0727 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0906 – juvenile complaint, Oregon

1109 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1123 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1200 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.

1307 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

1314 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1400 – larceny, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

1503 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Rawsonville

1641 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Wear

2323 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, Dec. 7:

0126 – suspicious incident, 26000 bl. Clark Rd.

0712 – alarm, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.

0927 – animal complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

1037 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1537 – ordinance violation, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Also on this week's log are three follow-up investigations, 18 miscellaneous details, 30 patrol checks, and 50 traffic stops.

BHS at-home games

• **Friday, Dec. 13**: Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Skyline HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Skyline HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Skyline HS, 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Dec. 14**: Girls JV Basketball vs. Grass Lake HS, 9:30 a.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Pioneer HS, 9:30 a.m.

Go Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

BHS Athletic Secretary

Dec. 13 – Beverly Powell, Jeff Barnett, Jeanne Bukis

Dec. 15 – Ann Richendollar

Dec. 16 – John Ferguson

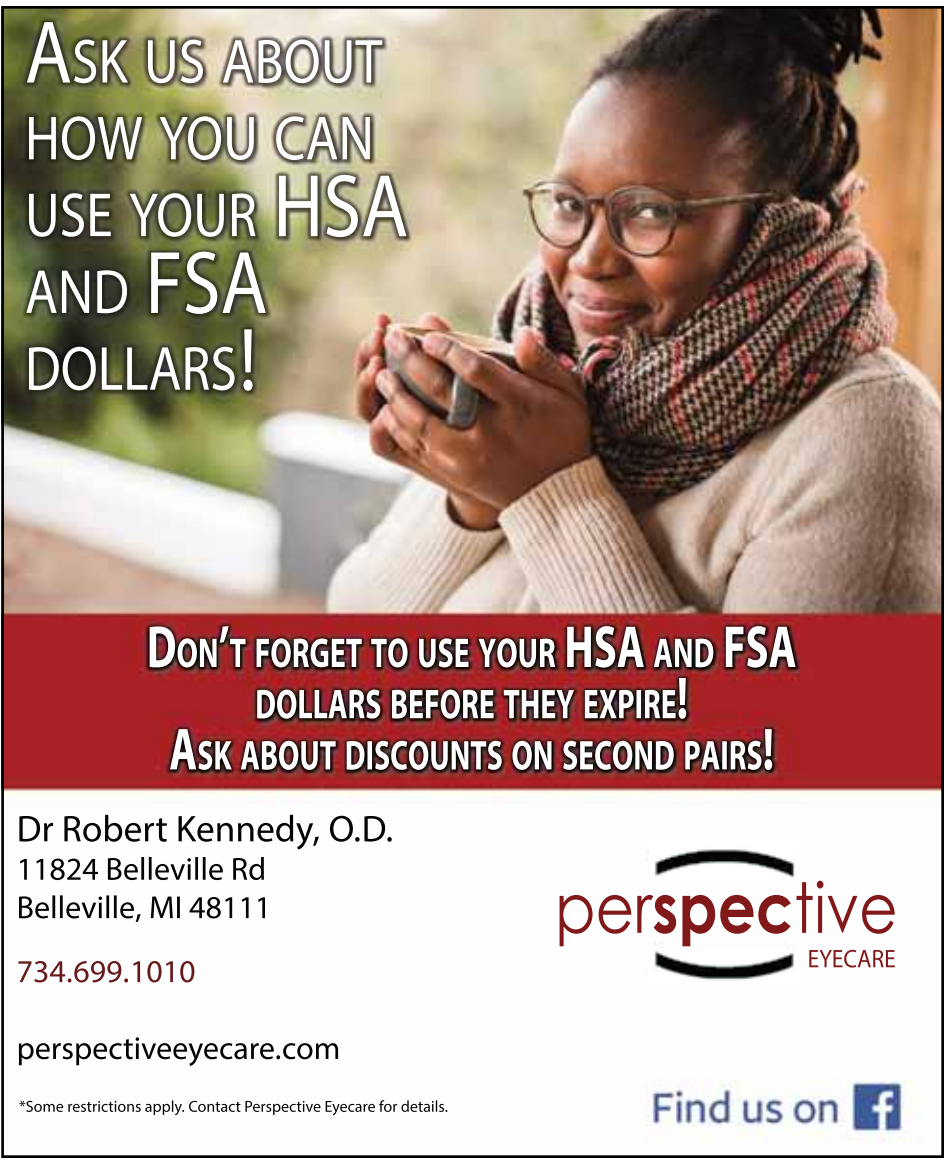
Dec. 18 – Andy Lee, Rhonda Dutton, Paul Smith, Russ Peabody

Dec. 19 – Cheryl Toms, Mary Ann Egan

Dec. 25 – Jesus Christ

Dec. 25 -- Constance Genevieve Riggs

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Call the Independent at (734) 699-9020 with your information and we will publish it as soon as possible.



City Council

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He said the earliest he could get the answer would be the end of January or beginning of February and then there would be a pricing change.

Cabauatan suggested if the city wants to go with carts for recycling they could wait until two years into the contract and then renegotiate to get recycling pickup every other week or weekly with carts.

"Would everybody go to carts?" Kollmeyer asked and Cabauatan said it would be "ala carte and billing one on one."

Kollmeyer said the city has an ordinance about where the carts can be and aren't allowed in front yards, so that might be a problem for some.

"I don't see not awarding this to Republic … assuming if we change everybody to a cart it would be renegotiated," Fielder said.

A woman asked if there were lids for the recycling bins and Cabauatan said a few communities went to lids and found they blow away and they stopped using them.

Fielder said he's ready to approve the contract, since the discussion is over details. He said he didn't want to make the motion if the two new council members don't want to vote on it.

Councilman Ken Voigt, also newly sworn in, asked if he could get answers on the carts by Dec. 16 and Cabauatan said he couldn't. Specialized carts are outside the contract and it could be offered to specific residents.

Councilman Voigt said he didn't like voting on something he hadn't seen before, either. He noted that the recycling truck that comes by his house doesn't have any arms to lift a cart.

Mike Renaud said from the audience that nothing's going to change in two weeks. Some people want carts and some probably don't. He said if they take two weeks to look at this and change the details it's unfair to the competitors.

"Be happy with what you have," said Fire Chief Brian Loranger, who has chiropractic offices in Belleville and Dexter. "In Dexter we never know when something's going to be picked up."

"I just got the information," Bates said.

Voigt said if there is biweekly cart pickup there would be less participation since people wouldn't remember when to put them out.

Fielder said the water problems could be solved with city education.

"We'll save $50,000 yearly over the other bids," Fielder said. "It needs to be approved at the next meeting or we've got big problems."

"I'm ready to vote on this tonight, but it's another instance of waiting until the last minute," Marcotte said.

Fielder made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Marcotte. The votes heard were all ayes, with no nays cast, but Bates didn't say anything.

In other business at the almost two-hour meeting, the council:

• Held a public hearing with no public comments on the ordinance amendment to opt out of marijuana businesses in the city and then voted unanimously to approve the ordinance. "It would put us where we would want to be," Fielder said of the move to join 1,400 communities in Michigan opting out of the businesses;

• Approved city council meeting dates for 2020, with Bates seeking to change the time of the meeting from 7:30 to 7 p.m. Mayor Kerreen Conley told her the time is in the city charter and can't be changed without a charter amendment. Most meetings are on the first and third Mondays, with January dates changed to Jan. 13 and Jan. 27 to avoid a conflict with the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting;

• Heard Bates ask that an item – "Building next door" -- be added to the council follow-up list. When asked by Marcotte about information on the veterans' memorial upgrades needed, that is on the follow-up list, Kollmeyer said there were no updates;

• Agreed to post the city manager position on websites with a Jan. 3 deadline and hold a special meeting on Jan. 6 to consider the applicants publicly and Saturday, Jan. 25, for interviews. A Feb. 3 meet and greet with the candidates will be held so council members can see how candidates react to the public. The council is scheduled to select a city manager the next day, Feb. 4. No salary was set, but Kollmeyer gets $68,000, according to the Council of Western Wayne information presented at the meeting; and

• Approved accounts payable of $107,869.84 and the following purchases in excess of $500: to Morton Salt, $4,478.05 for road salt; to Dearborn Heights F.D., $3,262.24 for the 10% match for the fire department radio grant from FEMA; to Great Lakes Towing, $2,000 from the auto auction; to EGLA (formerly DEQ), $1,339.40 for drinking water monitoring fee; to Biomedical Solution, $1,190 for medical equipment and maintenance; to R&R Fire Truck, $1,186 for repair to truck #453; to Wise Technologies, $1,088.44 for tech support; and to Stoney Creek Motorsports, $698.49 for four-wheeler plow repair. Rutherford commented on the price of the salt: "They're not joking around about hiking the price on that stuff".

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